REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2005, claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 21-31, and 34-36 stand rejected. Claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14-20, 32, 33, and 37 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the Advisory Action dated January 25, 2006, the Examiner objected to the proposed amendment of claims 21 and 27 because they included subject matter of claim 37, but that since claim 37 never dependent from claims 21 or 27, the proposed amendment would raise new issues and require further search and consideration. In the telephonic interview on or about February 7, 2006, the Examiner suggested filing a Request for Reconsideration in order to have the application allowed.

Claims 1, 18, 27 and 37 have been amended to include indicated allowable subject matter and thus, this application is in conditioned for allowance. Claims 10, 21-26, 31 and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 33-35 were amended to correct dependency. No new matter has been added. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Office's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All the pending claims at issue are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 21-31, 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Viken (Re. 36,650, hereinafter "Viken"). The Office states that Viken suggests an apparatus for testing fluid flow and flushing a transmission cooler having a user interface panel, fluid supply and fluid return lines, a pressure switch, a manual shut off valve, a filtering system,

and a flow switch coupled to the return line. The Office further states that the Viken apparatus

further includes a reservoir tank, that being a transmission pan, for containing automatic

transmission fluid (ATF) and a heating element, that being the components of the transmission

because of the transmission operation heats up the ATF, is located within the reservoir tank. The

Office continues by stating that the Viken apparatus includes a fluid fill port connected to the

reservoir tank, an air operated fluid pump coupled to the reservoir tank, and an air injection

system coupled to the pump and supply line. Applicants have amended claims 1, 18, 27 and 37

to include indicated allowable subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully

requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Viken. Because

claim 11 depends from claim 1, which is believed to be in condition for allowance, this claim is

also believed to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14-20 and 32 and 33 are objected to as being dependent upon a

rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the

limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Office for

allowing these claims. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include elements of claim 10, claim

18 to include elements of claim 1, claim 27 to include elements of claims 31 and 32, and claim

37 to include the elements of claim 1. Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition

for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance, the

Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will

expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension

of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-

2036, referencing Attorney Docket No. 87345.2040.

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